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Santa Monica Transient Found Guilty in Cold Case Murders of Two Women

A 50-year-old transient was found guilty today of the murder of two women in 2001 and 2002, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury found Edric Dashell Gross guilty of two counts of first-degree murder with the special circumstance of multiple murders.

Case SA081636 was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Keri Modder and Courtney Zifkin.

Sentencing is scheduled on June 24 in Department W83 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch. Gross faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

According to the evidence presented at the trial, Gross' first victim, identified as Jacqueline O., 41, was found strangled to death in an abandoned Palisades Park home on April 5, 2001. More than a year later, on Oct. 29, 2002, the second victim, Dana C., 42, was found strangled to death below the bluffs in Palisades Park, the prosecutors said.

DNA evidence found on the women's bodies were traced back to the defendant and he was arrested in 2012.

Gross was tried for the murders in 2015 but that trial ended in a mistrial after that jury was unable to reach a verdict.

The case was investigated by the Santa Monica Police Department.

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